

ROCKLAND FINANCE COMMITTEE
ROCKLAND TOWN HALL
ROCKLAND, MA 02370

September 22, 2010

In attendance at the September 22, 2010 Finance Committee meeting were Bill Allen, John Ellard, Rachel Gear, Caryn Stevens, Joe Gambon, Joe Weeks, Julie Shaffer, Rich Penney, and Paula Ferguson. Absent were Bob MacDonald, and Dolores Baronas.

The meeting was brought to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairman John Ellard. John Ellard also announced that the meeting was being recorded.

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Julie to accept the minutes from August 11, 2010. A unanimous vote was taken.

Under New Business: A email was sent by the Town Accountant, Eric Hart, that all 2012 budgets will be level funded. The budgets will be requested from all Department Heads. There is no free cash to spend and leases may have to come out of the budget.

Liaisons were assigned to each department. They are as follows:

Moderator: Bill Allen

Board of Selectmen: Paula Ferguson

Town Accountant: Bill Allen

Assessor: Joe Weeks

Treasurer: Julie Shaffer

Town Collector: Rich Penney

Legal Services: Paula Ferguson

Town Clerk: Rachel Gear

Meetings: Rachel Gear

Planning Board: Rich Penney

Town Hall: Paula Ferguson

Town Reports: Paula Ferguson

Conservation: Joe Weeks

Zoning Board: Julie Shaffer

Police: Rich Penney and Bill Allen

Fire: Rachel Gear and Joe Weeks

Building Department: Caryn Stevens

Gas, Plumbing, Weights and Measures: Caryn Stevens

Emergency Management: Rich Penney

Tree, Highway and Snow: Bill Allen

Waste and Board of Health: Joe Gambon

Sewer Department: Dolores Baronas

Visiting Nurse: Joe Gambon

Traffic Control: Paula Ferguson

Street Lighting: Paula Ferguson

Veteran's Services: Joe Weeks

School Department: John Ellard and Caryn Stevens

Library: Dolores Baronas
Misc and Unclassified: Paula Ferguson
Council of Aging: Julie Shaffer
Youth Commission: Rachel Gear
Park Department: Rich Penney
Celebrations: Paula Ferguson
FICA/Retirement: Julie Shaffer
Liability: Paula Ferguson
Water Department: Joe Gambon
Int and Debt: Julie Shaffer
Energy Committee: Joe Weeks
IT Department: Joe Weeks

These liaisons are primarily for contact purposes for each department. Each department will still be requested to meet with the entire Finance Committee with their budgets but for contact purposes, we are requesting that the department head just contact their liaison who will bring their concerns to the Committee.

John Ellard met with the Town Administrator and Town Accountant. Receipts are on track and we are hoping not to have to have a Special Town Meeting.

Other Committee Reports:

The Ground Breaking for the school will be October 19th. There is a delay in construction until November as the Construction Manager has found a few more problems with the High School.

Capital Planning is looking for the school to submit a proposal for their five year plan for a grant that they are applying for with an upgrade in windows, boilers, etc. The School Budget would cover the shortfall from the grant.

Joe will be meeting with the Tri-Town Committee next week and Bill will be meeting with VoTech shortly.

Our next meeting is October 20th at 6:30 in the lower conference room.

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Rich to adjourn. A unanimous vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Ferguson
Secretary